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IGNORANCE AND INEVITABILITY.

Under the heading of "effects of crow

upon veracity," the Selma Irrigator

prints, and the afternoon paper approv-

ingly repeats, a statement to the effect

that the Republicans have deliberately

misquoted the text of the state Demo-

cratic platform in order to show how

the convention had stultified itself by

claiming for free silver and at the same

time unreservedly endorsing the adminis-

tration of Grover Cleveland, which was

hostile to silver in every respect—free or

otherwise.

The Selma paper may be really ex-

cused for making such a charge, for in

so doing it merely exhibits the dense

ignorance which characterizes all of its

harmless twaddle about politics, whether

it is defending the goldbug policy of

Grover Cleveland, as it did but a few

weeks ago, or denouncing the Republi-

cans for not coming out for the

free and unlimited coinage of silver,

as it now does. The Irrigator

doubtless does not know that

the alleged plank from the state

platform which it repeats is not in fact

a plank of its party platform. It is the

plank which was reported to the convention

by the platform committee, but right

there it was where the administration Dem-

ocrats got in a part of their smooth

work upon the unphosphatized silver

men and made their declaration for free

coinage appear ridiculous. The Irriga-

tor is excusable on the ground of its

ignorance, but the afternoon paper is not.

With a full knowledge of the facts it

repeats the Selma contemporary's invari-

ous statement with the deliberate pur-

pose of deceiving the public.

The clause excepting Cleveland's finan-

cial policy in the plank of endorsement

was stricken out by the convention upon

the motion, as we remember the pro-

ceedings, of C. Wesley Reed of San

Francisco. We have not the full text

of the plank at hand as it was finally

adopted, but that it amounted to a

practical endorsement of the Cleveland

administration in toto is fully borne out

by the comments made upon it by Dem-

ocratic newspapers. The Stockton Mail,

for instance, then which there is no

more stalwart advocate of Democracy

and free silver in the state, thus editorially

expresses its opinion of the plank

which these Fresno men converts to sil-

ver as charging the Republican with

misrepresentation. Commenting upon

the disgraceful fact that thirteen em-

ployees of the San Francisco Mint were

upon the floor of the convention to

assist in the work which was so adroitly

accomplished, the Mail says:

And this is the Cleveland whom the

convention stultified itself by endorsing

without reserve. This is the Cleveland

who authorized the San Francisco mint

to expend \$4000 a month additional to

the regular allowance, ostensibly to

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PATRIOTISM AND PIETY.

Down in Los Angeles the Fourth of

July committee ran against a curious ob-

stacle in their preparations to celebrate.

They sent a circular letter to each of

the clergymen in that city, in which

they said: "We particularly request

that you preach a patriotic sermon

from your pulpit on the morning or

evening of June 28th, and, in addition,

display the national colors on your

altar." It will be observed that the

clergyman was requested to preach a

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to be as incapable of defending it as a

10-year-old boy would be. With that

relinquishment of his title, James J.

Corbett ceased to be champion, and to

term him so now is as foolish a "trick" as

ever was poured on an underserving

man. Corbett is not champion, and a

decent regard for facts would prevent

anybody from giving him that title. He

appears to be merely a played-out pugil-

ist, and in any event he cannot be cham-

pion until he has whipped Fitzsimmons.

THE "NEW" SWEET ALICE.

Oh, do you remember sweet Alice, Ben Bolt,

Sweet Alice with hair so brown,

How the dresses she wore were a dream of de-

light.

And a vision to gladden the town?

You said that the swish of the gown that she

wore was a music the angels might hear,

And the first of the swish that she wore,

Was a harmony race to your ear.

I saw your sweet Alice last evening, dear Ben,

She was not the little Alice you knew,

I really was glad you were not present then,

To notice the rig she was in.

She was still the same with appearance of

age.

And her hair was not a light to be seen.

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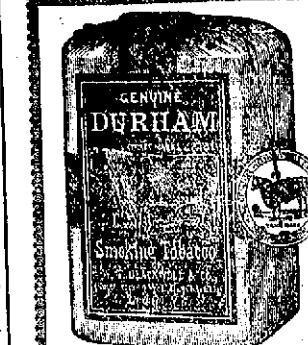
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